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MEMORANDUM

TO: KARIN CLARK
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FROM: ALLEN T. WILSON
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DATE: March 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Regulation 22 VAC 40-730-10 et seq.
Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect in Out of Family Complaints

I have reviewed the above-referenced proposed regulation to determine if the State Board of Social Services (“State Board”) has the statutory authority to promulgate the proposed regulation and if the proposed regulation comports with applicable state law.

Virginia Code § 63.2-217 mandates that the State Board promulgate regulations that are necessary to carry out the provisions of Title 63.2. Additionally, Virginia Code § 63.2-1503 requires the State Board to promulgate regulations specific to child protective services. It appears that the State Board has the authority to promulgate the proposed regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act and Executive Order 14 (2010), and has not exceeded that authority.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.